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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a _____ continuation \(\times \) divisional ____ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. \(\S \) 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/180,188 filed on January 19, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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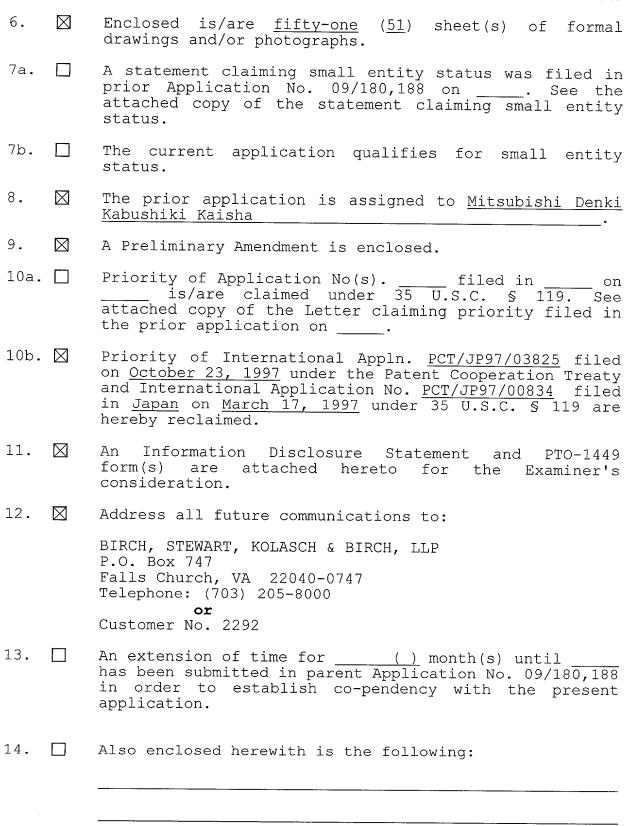
for

VIDEO ENCODER, VIDEO DECODER, VIDEO ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO DECODING METHOD, AND VIDEO ENCODING AND DECODING SYSTEM

- 1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
- 2. \square The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	
	BASIC FEE		\$740.00	\$370.00	
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	12-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00	
		TOTAL	\$740.00	\$0.00	

- 3. A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- 4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
- 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
 - a. ___ --This application is a ___ continuation ___ divisional __ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/180,188, filed on January 19, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. ____ filed in on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
 - b. \boxtimes --This application is ☐ continuation а ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/180,188, filed on January 19, 1999and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120. Application No. 09/180,188 is the national of PCT phase International Application PCT/<u>JP97/03825</u> filed on <u>October 23, 1997</u> under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. PCT/JP97/00834 filed in Japan on March 17, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--



If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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